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SUBJECT: COORDINATION WITH SAG ON US ENERGY PROGRAMS

- 1. INITIAL REPORTS AND ANALYSES OF THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM INDICATE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE DOMESTIC PRICE OF GASOLINE MAY APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE AND THERE MAY BE PRICE HIKES ALSO ON OIL AND NATURAL GAS.
- 2. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT OTHER OPEC MEMBERS WILL QUICKLY BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SAG, AND SUGGEST OUR ACTION RUNS COUNTER TO SAUDI ARABIA'S MODERATION ON PRICES. PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA ARRIVES APRIL 25.
- 3. SAUDIS WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO ANSWER CRITICS OF OUR ENERGY POLICY IF IT WERE EXPLAINED TO THEM EARLY. THE FACT OF CONSULTATION BY ITSELF WOULD BE HELPFUL. WOULD A TALK WITH AMBASSADOR ALIREZA IN WASHINGTON BE USEFUL? WE WOULD BE GLAD TO PASS ANYTHING ON THIS TO SAG OURSELVES. PORTER

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